

Experts' Advice On Many Topics Available Here

Do you want to know how to train your dog? Do you want to know of the recent developments in the fields of radio, aeronautics, or air conditioning? Or do you have other and different problems in the fields of science and industry which could perhaps be solved by the advice of the thousands of experts available to you through the resources of your local library?

Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, librarian of the Torrance public library said this week that Eugene D. Hart, technical reference librarian of the Los Angeles county public library will again be present from 7 to 9 p. m., Monday, Jan. 30. Hart will assist patrons who may have particular interests or needs in the fields of science and industry.

The technical reference department of the county public library answers thousands of requests each year from patrons of the county branches for information on the many and varied phases of such subjects as agriculture, medicine, engineering, building and business. It has supplied the needs of a great many county residents for dependable and useful information about their varied problems and interests.

Mouse Farming On Ranch Pays

MODESTO, Cal. (U.P.)—Most people try to get rid of the mice around their homes, but not Frank Cook, Modesto district rancher. Cook actually encourages them, then sell them and lives on the profits.

Cook first became interested in "mouse farming" when he noticed the large number of tiny rodents used in scientific research. He decided to capitalize on the demand and go in for large scale raising of white mice. This was in 1934. Today he owns rather an unusual mouse farm which nets him a good return.

During the first few years of his venture, Cook was able to sell about 20,000 mice. Now, he says, the demand has grown. Last year he sold 20,000, and he predicts he will top that record in 1939. Research laboratories are his chief market.

Plans Air-Conditioning
Cook becomes irked when people tell him his work is easy—that all he has to do is turn the mice loose and "let 'em multiply."

He denies there is anything easy about the work, pointing out that infinite care must be taken to keep his charges in good health. Diet and housing are the greatest problems.

At first Cook made the roof of his farm building of straw, but recently changed to a new method. Now he has two roofs, with about two feet of straw between them for insulation.

Because the mice are extremely susceptible to changes in temperature, Cook now is considering seriously installing an air conditioning system—a comfort which his own home does not have.



THIS IS MARKET WEEK . . . Many new styles in furniture and apparel are being shown several thousand wholesale buyers this week in Los Angeles. Market Week is featuring early California themes. Here is Ann Taylor putting final touches to a quaint Mexican sketch on one of the new-type, Los Angeles made chest of drawers.

Super Highways With 90 M.P.H. Safety Urged

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23 (U.P.)—An American high-speed super-highway system, divided to prevent head-on collisions and free from grade crossings, will be built soon, it was predicted here by Charles M. Upham, Washington, engineer-director of the American Builders' Association.

Upham stated here briefly to make final arrangements for a convention in San Francisco March 7-10 of the American Roadbuilder's Association, which is expected to attract delegates from all over the nation and from many foreign countries.

"Present American roads are inadequate and must be improved," Upham said. "The United States will have 40,000,000 automobiles in 10 years and the existing roads just would not take care of them," he pointed out.

Upham said the new road system, on which speeds of as high as 90 miles an hour could be attained with ease and safety, would be modeled after the highway system designed in Germany.

He said the super-highway would give tremendous stimulus to industry of all sorts, aid employment and develop areas new untouched by industry.

Stressed for Military Use
Upham pointed out that the system could be built out of existing Federal automobile taxes and said that it already had the approval of the War Department. The War Department for a long time has stressed the need of high speed military roads, such as those in Germany.

May Split Cost of Painting Safety Line

Here's a chance for a 50-50 improvement for the city of Torrance and the city of Los Angeles that all motorists traveling Western avenue will hail with joy:

City Councilman Tom McGuire, well aware that most of the avenue is in Los Angeles territory, proposed that a white line be painted on it from 190th to 182nd street.

His motion did not receive a second but it was indicated that efforts will be made to get Los Angeles to have the safety line daubed on the street.

The city of Torrance, half-owner of the thoroughfare might even pay half of the cost.

Fashions Own Coffin
BROCKTON, Mass. (U.P.)—Charles A. Lapman, 69, recently finished building his own casket.

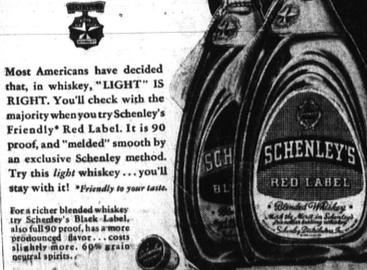
for purpose of American national defense.

San Francisco, Upham believed, would be the Western terminus of the proposed trans-continental system and also would be the axis for another such highway running up and down the Pacific coast.

Upham, a highway engineer of more than 30 years experience, estimated that in terms of safety, such highways as he predicted for the near future would lower accidents by 83 percent, and would take 65 percent of the load off secondary arteries.

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